

Edwin Alden Abbey

Pioneer of 1851

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Edwin Alden Abbey

b. 09 Dec 1823 Watertown, Jefferson County, New York

d. 16 Jan 1893

buried Mt. Union Cemetery, Philomath, Benton County, Oregon

m. 04 Jul 1852 Benton County, Oregon

Miranda Penland

b. 20 Dec 1836 Kentucky

d. 22 Jan 1912 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

buried Mt. Union Cemetery, Philomath, Benton County, Oregon

ODLC: Benton #837; Edwin A. Abbey, b. 1824 NY; Arr Or 15 Sep 1851; sc 25 Jul 1852; m'd Meranda 04 Jul 1852 OT. Aff: Henry Penland, Norris Newton, Charles Bales, Burshrod W. Wilson

1854: Benton Co Census; Edwin A. Abbey, legal voter, 1 male +21, 1 female +18, 1 female -10

1860: Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, June 11, 1860; Edwin A. Abbey, 37, farmer/stock raiser, \$19210 \$3700, NY; Miranda, 24, KY; Francis M., 7, OR; Charley M., 2, OR

1870: Newton, Benton County, Oregon, July 16, 1870; E. A. Abbey, 46, farmer, \$2020 \$9000, NY; Miranda, 34, keeping house, KY; Frances M., 17, at home, OR; Charles M., 12, at school, OR; Melissa E., 9, OR; Alden, 3, OR; Clara A., 9/12 (Oct), OR

1880: Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, June 17, 1880; E. A. Abbey, 55, farmer, OH; Miranda, 44, wife, keeping house, KY KY KY; Richard A., 13, son, at school, OR OH KY; Clara A., 10, dau, at school, OR OH KY

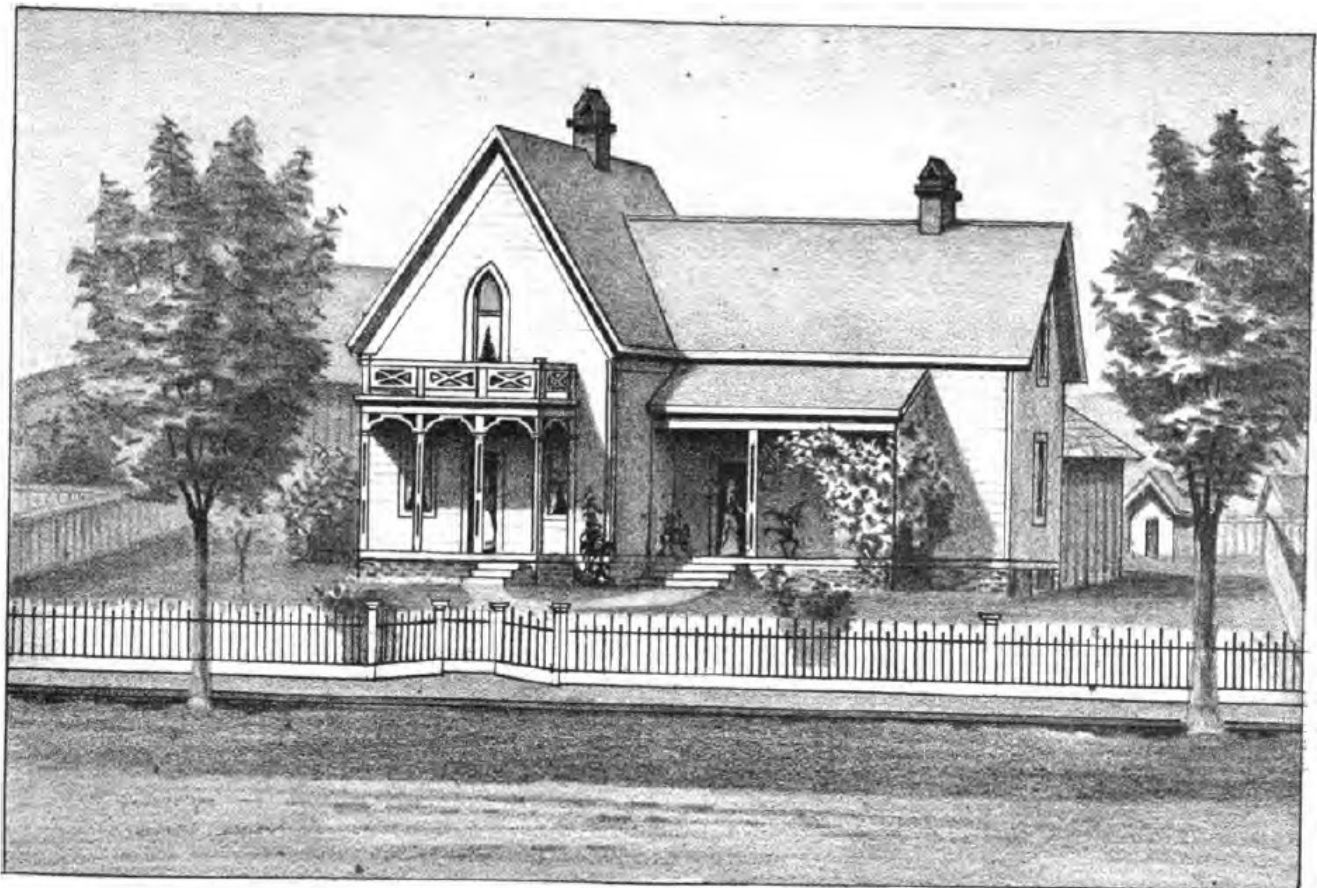
**EDWIN ALDEN ABBEY**—A view of whose residence will be found in this volume, was born in Watertown, Jefferson county, New York, December 9, 1823, and in 1832, accompanied by his parents, located in Cleveland, Ohio. Here he resided until 1844, when he went South, being employed on the Mississippi river. In the month of September, 1846, he sailed from New Orleans to Mexico, being attached to the Quartermaster's department in the divisions of General Wool and Taylor. Having served until near the close of the war, he accompanied Col. Collins to Chihuahua, with dispatches to General Price to evacuate that portion of the country, which duty being performed he rejoined the army on the line of march to Santa Fe, and was destined to accompany Company I, First Dragoons, as Wagon Master, and was thus engaged with that corps until 1851. Mr. Abbey now came overland, traveling as far as Fort Laramie with the famous Kit Carson, and arrived in Benton county in the fall of that year. He located his claim about four miles from what was then Marysville (now Corvallis), having for his nearest neighbor Elijah Liggett, and at once set to work farming. In 1856 Mr. Abbey, with Dr. T. J. Right and E. Hartless, made the pioneer journey to Yaquina Bay, the former's reason for the journey being one of simple pleasure and adventure; but with Dr. Right it was different, as he was appointed Surgeon to the agency which had then been recently established on the coast. There were no roads, and Phil Sheridan, then a Lieutenant, was having his men cut a trail over the mountains to lead from the reservation to civilization. Mr. Abbey, following the trails, made Yaquina Bay about two miles from its mouth. At that time there was not a single resident in that part of Benton county. In 1862 he took up his residence in Corvallis, and there resided for about three years and then moved to Yaquina and located a large tract of land which he still owns near Elk City, twenty-two miles from Newport. Mr. Abbey has again taken up his residence in Corvallis.

Married in Benton county, Oregon, July 4, 1852, to Miss Mirinda Penland, who crossed the plains the previous year, and has a surviving family of one son and one daughter, viz: Richard M. and Clara A.

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**ABBHEY**—In this city January 22, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Lee E. Beach, 814 Sandy boulevard. Miranda Abbey, aged 75 years. The funeral will be held at the above residence at 1 P. M. today (Wednesday). Friends invited. Interment Corvallis, Or.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Wednesday, January 24, 1912 p. 14]



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**RESIDENCE OF E. A. ABBEY.**

**CORVALLIS, BENTON COUNTY, OREGON.**

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Children of Edwin Abbey and Miranda Penland:

1. Malissa E. Abbey

b.

d. 08 Nov 1878

buried Mt. Union Cemetery, Philomath, Benton County, Oregon

m. B. Tracy

2. Francis Maria Abbey

b. 28 May 1853

d. 14 Mar 1874

buried Elk City Cemetery, Lincoln County, Oregon

3. Laura Bell Abbey

b. 01 Jan 1856 Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

d. 07 Dec 1856 Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

4. Charles M. Abbey

b. 30 Jan 1858 Benton County, Oregon

d. 23 Jul 1871

buried Elk City Cemetery, Lincoln County, Oregon

5. Richard Alden Abbey

b. 04 Mar 1867 Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

d. 12 Jun 1952 Elk City, Lincoln County, Oregon

buried Mt. Union Cemetery, Philomath, Benton County, Oregon

**ABBEY—Richard. of Elk City. Father of Mrs. Ella Scoville of Elk City; brother of Mrs. Clara Beach of Portland. Born March 11, 1867, died June 12, in Toledo. Funeral services at Bateman Chapel, Toledo, Tues., June 17, at 1 pm, standard time. Burial at Mount Union cemetery, Corvallis, 3:30 pm, standard time.**

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6. Clara A. Abbey

b. 14 Oct 1869 Lincoln County, Oregon

d. 27 Aug 1953 Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon

buried Mt. Union Cemetery, Philomath, Benton County, Oregon

m. Lee E. Beach

# Death Claims Clara Beach

## Portland Woman's Parents Pioneers

Funeral service for Mrs. Clara A. Beach, daughter of Oregon pioneers, who died Thursday in a Portland hospital, will be Tuesday at 11 a. m. at J. P. Finley & Son. Interment will follow in Mt. Union cemetery, Corvallis.

Born October 14, 1869, in Lincoln county, Mrs. Beach was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Alden Abbey, who crossed the plains in 1851 and settled in Corvallis, then Marysville. She spent her girlhood in Corvallis and lived 56 years in Portland.

Mrs. Beach was the widow of Lee E. Beach, who was with the Northern Pacific railway in Portland for many years. Her home was at 5505 N. E. Clackamas street.

She is survived by two daughters, Miss Edna Beach and Miss Evelyn Beach, both of Portland.

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